

OPINION 2297 (Case 3514)**ENHYDRINI Régimbart, 1882 (Insecta, Coleoptera): spelling emended to ENHYDRUSINI to remove homonymy with ENHYDRINI Gray, 1825 (Mammalia, MUSTELIDAE)**

Abstract. The Commission has removed the homonymy between the family-group ENHYDRINI Régimbart, 1882 (Insecta, Coleoptera) and ENHYDRINI Gray, 1825 (Mammalia, MUSTELIDAE) by emending the stem of the name of the type genus *Enhydrus* Laporte, 1834, to give the beetle family-group name ENHYDRUSINI, while leaving the mammalian name, based on *Enhydra* Fleming, 1822, unchanged.

Keywords. Nomenclature; taxonomy; Mammalia; MUSTELIDAE; LUTRINAE; ENHYDRINI; *Enhydra*; Insecta; Coleoptera; GYRINIDAE; GYRININAE; *Enhydrus*; otters; whirligig beetles.

Ruling

- (1) Under the plenary power it is hereby ruled that for the purposes of Article 29 of the Code the stem of the generic name *Enhydrus* Laporte, 1834 is *Enhydrus-*.
- (2) The entry on the Official List of Generic Names in Zoology for the name *Enhydrus* Laporte, 1834 is hereby emended to record that for the purposes of Article 29 of the Code the stem of the generic name *Enhydrus* Laporte, 1834 is *Enhydrus-*.
- (3) The name ENHYDRUSINI Régimbart, 1882, type genus *Enhydrus* Laporte, 1834 (spelling emended by the ruling in (1) above) (Insecta, Coleoptera) is hereby placed on the Official List of Family-Group Names in Zoology.
- (4) The name ENHYDRINI Régimbart, 1882 (spelling emended to ENHYDRUSINI, as ruled in (1) above) (Insecta, Coleoptera) is hereby placed on the Official Index of Rejected and Invalid Family-Group Names in Zoology.

History of Case 3514

An application to remove the homonymy between the family-group names ENHYDRINI Régimbart, 1882 (Insecta, Coleoptera) and ENHYDRINI Gray, 1825 (Mammalia, MUSTELIDAE) which are homonyms resulting from similarity of the names of their respective type genera, *Enhydrus* Laporte, 1834 and *Enhydra* Fleming, 1822, by emending the stem of the name of the type genus *Enhydrus* Laporte, 1834, to give the beetle family-group name ENHYDRUSINI, while leaving the mammalian name, based on *Enhydra* Fleming, 1822, unchanged, was received from Hüseyin Özdikmen (*Department of Biology, Gazi University, 06500 Ankara, Turkey*) and Mustafa C. Darilmaz (*Department of Biology, Aksaray University, Aksaray, Turkey*) on 4 February 2010. After correspondence the case was published in BZN 67: 285–288 (2010). The title, abstract and keywords of the case were published on the Commission's website. No comments were received on this case.

Decision of the Commission

On 1 December 2011 the members of the Commission were invited to vote on the proposals published in BZN 67: 287. At the close of the voting period on 1 March 2012 the votes were as follows:

Affirmative votes – 23: Ballerio, Bouchet, Bogutskaya, Brothers, Fautin, Grygier, Halliday, Harvey, Kojima, Krell, Kullander, Lim, Minelli, Pape, Papp, Patterson, Rosenberg, Štys, van Tol, Winston, Yanega, Zhang and Zhou.

Negative votes – 1: Alonso-Zarazaga.

Kottelat, Ng and Pyle were on leave of absence. No vote was received from Lamas.

Alonso-Zarazaga submitted a conditional vote, which reverted to a negative based on the outcome of the vote. He explained that Bouchard et al.'s (2011) list of coleopteran family-group names noted that ENHYDRINI was used at the tribal level because of a reversal of precedence under Article 35.5 to conserve it over DINEUTINI Desmarest, 1851. He felt that this was done because the spelling ENHYDRINI was more familiar to users, but noted that this was against the Principle of Priority. Alonso-Zarazaga noted that if the proposals in Case 3514 were supported, the name of the tribe would be ENHYDRUSINI, a name that was not as familiar and in fact would take several years to become widely known and accepted. Alonso-Zarazaga felt that the Principle of Priority should be reinforced because it was an objective principle that led to greater overall stability, and DINEUTINI should recover the tribal status over ENHYDRUSINI. He observed that one of the subtribes would be named ENHYDRUSINA. He wished to emphasise that while ENHYDRINI was a name in predominant use and had been given precedence over DINEUTINI based on Article 35.5, the replacement name ENHYDRUSINI, if accepted by the Commission, was to be considered in predominant use by mandate and would have the same prerogatives, even if no one had used it before. However, because Alonso-Zarazaga's request was not supportable in the current presentation of the proposals, his vote was recorded, at his request, as AGAINST.

Original references

The following are the original references to the names placed on Official Lists and Indexes by the ruling given in the present Opinion:

- ENHYDRINI Régimbart, 1882, *Annales de la Société Entomologique de France*, (6)2: 391–392.
Enhydrus Laporte, 1834, *Études entomologiques, ou description d'Insectes nouveaux et observations sur leur synonymie*. Méquinon-Marvis, Paris, p.110.
ENHYDRUSINI Régimbart, 1882, *Annales de la Société Entomologique de France*, (6)2: 391–392.